

Remarks


This Preliminary Amendment "B" is being filed in response to the "Notice to File Corrected Application Papers" ("first Notice") mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") on June 2, 2004, and the "Notice of Incomplete Reply" ("second Notice") mailed by the USPTO on July 22, 2004. The first Notice was sent because of two problems: (1) the "Brief Description of Drawings" in the application, as filed, referred to a FIG. 5H, which was not submitted with the application, and (2) because: "The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 3."

In a first Preliminary Amendment, mailed on June 16, 2004, applicant corrected the first problem by deleting the reference to FIG. 5H in the "Brief Description of Drawings." However, applicant's first Preliminary Amendment did not address the problem with FIG. 3, leading to the second Notice. By this Preliminary Amendment "B" applicant submits a replacement sheet of drawings, comprising a corrected FIG. 3. No amendments have been made to FIG. 3, however, the reference numerals have been rewritten to be more clearly readable. It is submitted that the replacement sheet does not contain any erasures, alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, or copy marks, and, therefore, complies with the requirements of the first Notice and the applicable regulations. Copies of the first and second Notices are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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